

To the Members of the California State Assembly:

I am returning Assembly Bill 1841 without my signature.

This bill could weaken the accountability provisions of the Immediate Intervention for Underperforming Schools Program and the High Priority Schools Grant Program (IIUSP/HP). The IIUSP/HP program was designed to provide support for the development and implementation of action plans designed to improve the academic achievement of pupils in schools that have been designated as underperforming.

By allowing reorganized high schools to receive a share of incentive funding, this bill would limit the state's ability to track the programs of students originally enrolled at the participating high schools. Moreover, extending the timeframes to meet required performance growth targets by an additional year would postpone state interventions at schools that have failed to meet their API growth target, and undermine the intent of the program.

For these reasons, I am unable to sign the bill.

Sincerely,

Arnold Schwarzenegger